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Serial No.: 09/473,246

Applicants: Mark W. Schaefer

Filed: December 27, 1999

For: Methods for Transferring

Holographic Images Into

Metal Surfaces

) Group Art Unit: 1756

) Examiner: Angebranndt

) Atty Dock: 012006-00254

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Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

Applicant requests the status of the above-identified patent application.

A prior status inquiry was submitted on November 9, 2004 (mailed November 3, 2004).

Enclosed is a copy of the postcard acknowledgment of receipt, marked EXHIBIT A, as received back stamped on November 9, 2004 by the USPTO.

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A copy of the Associate Power of Attorney and New Correspondence Address filed on January 13, 2004 is enclosed, marked as EXHIBIT B.

Applicants have not received a reply to the formal status inquiry filed November 9, 2004.

The file history does not show a formal status inquiry filed November 9, 2004.

However, the file history shows the case now has been transferred to the Technology Center as of January 18, 2005, 2 pp. Enclosed is a copy of the file history as of January 27, 2005, marked as EXHIBIT C.

Now, upon the termination of the U.S. Patent Interference No. 105,176, the present Application USSN 09/473,246 should be returned to Examiner Angebranndt in Art Unit 1756 for further prosecution, and Claims 1-4, as amended, and 7-25 should be the subject of a Notice of Allowability.

Claims 27 and 28 corresponded to and were subject to Count 1, the sole Count, of U.S. Patent Interference 105,176.

Claims 1-4 and 7-25 stood on their own and did not correspond to Count 1, the sole Count, of U.S. Patent Interference 105,176.

U.S. Patent Interference No. 105,176 was terminated on August 31, 2004 by judgment in respect to Claims 27 and 28.

Upon termination of the U.S. Patent Interference No. 105,176, the present Application USSN 09/473,246 should be

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returned to the Examiner for further prosecution in respect to Claims 1-4 and 7-25.

In telephone Interview Summary record, Paper No. 17, mailed December 10, 2002, the Examiner recognized the declarations of Paper No. 6 filed on August 24, 2001 as sufficient to obviate the rejections of Claims 3, 5, 6, and 9-25 based on the prior art as embodiments corresponding to the provision of a coating to nickel to form a hardened surface and which embodiments are not claimed in the Mentz et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,017,657.

In an Amendment filed under Certificate of Mailing on January 6, 2003, Applicants thanked the Examiner for his thoughtful comments and assistance in the telephone interview and the indication that the declarations in Paper No. 6 obviate the rejections of Claims 3, 5, 6, and 9-25. An amended Claim 1 was presented in the Amendment filed under Certificate of Mailing on January 6, 2003 to incorporate the limitations of Claims 5 and 6 into Claim 1, as amended, and revise the numerical limitations respecting the depth of the etched pattern and the surface hardness of the die. The Amendment recited that support for the 2-3 micron depth of the etched pattern can be found on page 6, lines 26-29, of Applicants' specification, and support for the 110-125 kg/mm² surface hardness of the die (before coating thereof) is found on page 9, lines 17-20, of the specification.

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New Claims 27 and 28 were presented in the Amendment filed under Certificate of Mailing on January 6, 2003 and placed the instant Schaefer et al. application in condition for an interference to be declared with certain claims in Mentz et al. 6,017,657. Claim 27 was substantially identical to original Claim 1 as filed in the present Schaefer et al. application except for correction of a typographical error (changed "o" to "of" in line 5) and incorporation of original Claim 7 therein as suggested by Examiner Angebranndt. Claim 28 was identical to original Claim 1 as filed except for the correction of the typographic error.

Now, upon the termination of the U.S. Patent Interference No. 105,176, the present Application USSN 09/473,246 should be returned to Examiner Angebranndt in Art Unit 1756 for further prosecution, and Claims 1-4, as amended, and 7-25 should be the subject of a Notice of Allowability.

Applicants respectfully request the status of the instant Application USSN 09/473,246 which is believed to be returned to Examiner Angebranndt for further prosecution and completion of the Examiner's prior determination in respect to Claims 1-4 and 7-25, which Claims are not subject to the judgment as to Count 1, the sole Count, of the terminated Interference.

For the foregoing reasons and now upon termination of the Interference No. 105,176, Applicants respectfully request the status of the instant U.S. Patent Application USSN 09/473,246

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which is understood to be properly returned to Examiner Angebranndt in Art Unit 1756 for further prosecution and completion of the Examiner's prior determination in respect to Claims 1-4, as amended, and 7-25, which Claims were not subject to the judgment on Count 1, the sole Count, of the Interference which is now terminated.

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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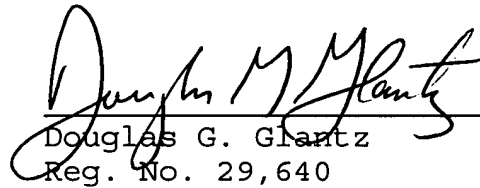

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EXHIBIT B

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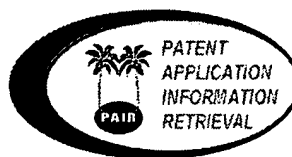


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Search results for application number: 09/473,246			
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Examiner Name:	ANGEBRANNDT, MARTIN J	Location:	TECHNOLOGY CENTER
Group Art Unit:	1756	Location Date:	01-18-2005
Confirmation Number:	9751	Earliest Publication No:	US 2002-0090578 A1
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Class/ Sub-Class:	430/320	Patent Number:	-
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Search Options

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File History	
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08-31-2004	Mail Interference Decision - Adverse
08-31-2004	Interference Decision on Priority - Adverse
12-23-2003	Declaration of Interference
02-04-2003	Mail Advisory Action (PTOL - 303)
02-03-2003	Interference Communication: Initial Memo Disposal
02-03-2003	Advisory Action (PTOL-303)
01-22-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner
01-13-2003	Amendment after Final Rejection
01-13-2003	Affidavit(s) (Rule 131 or 132) or Exhibit(s) Received
12-10-2002	Mail Examiner Interview Summary (PTOL - 413)
05-21-2002	Examiner Interview Summary Record (PTOL - 413)
12-02-2002	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)
11-29-2002	Final Rejection

09-18-2002	Date Forwarded to Examiner
09-10-2002	Response after Non-Final Action
06-18-2002	Mail Non-Final Rejection
06-14-2002	Non-Final Rejection
04-02-2002	Date Forwarded to Examiner
03-28-2002	Continuing Prosecution Application - Continuation (ACPA)
04-02-2002	DISPOSAL FOR A RCE/CPA/129 (express abandonment if CPA)
03-27-2002	Workflow - Request for CPA - Begin
02-11-2002	Mail Notification of Terminal Disclaimer - Not Accepted
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02-08-2002	Advisory Action (PTOL-303)
02-07-2002	Notification of Terminal Disclaimer - Accepted
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11-03-2001	Final Rejection
10-30-2001	Terminal Disclaimer Filed
08-29-2001	Date Forwarded to Examiner
08-24-2001	Response after Non-Final Action
05-23-2001	Mail Non-Final Rejection
05-21-2001	Non-Final Rejection
04-02-2001	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
03-13-2001	Transfer Inquiry
04-07-2000	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
07-31-2000	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
06-21-2000	Application Is Now Complete
02-08-2000	Notice Mailed--Application Incomplete--Filing Date Assigned
02-02-2000	IFW Scan & PACR Auto Security Review
02-08-2000	Preexamination Location Change
01-04-2000	Initial Exam Team nn